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Cautious optimism:

With new funding program, you've got to spend it to get it

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The federal and provincial government's multi-million-dollar infusion into Haliburton County's economy is being greeted with cautious optimism by local politicians.

At first, it appears that the infrastructure program is making \$5.8-million available to municipalities in the Highlands. But to get the money, municipalities have to spend some first — one third of the total, in fact. That means that to spend a total of \$5.8-million, municipalities must provide at least \$1.9-million. And there's not very much loose change in taxpayers' pockets these days.

"It's good for the municipalities with reserves or who can raise the tax rate by one or two percent," says Snowdon Reeve George Simmons. But he thinks few municipalities in Haliburton County are in that position. "We can't maintain the level of services we've got now."

"You heard (county clerk-treasurer) Terry Noble tell us what our financial situation is — we've eaten up our reserves," says Warden Jim McMahon, referring to comments made at the last county council meeting. Even if the county were to debenture the costs of new capital projects, the bond rating would be low, driving up the interest rates for borrowing.

However, McMahon also believes that "anything can be done if you put your mind to it."

One pet project is a bridge across the Gull River that could link Deep Bay Road in Minden to Highway 121 in Lutterworth. "It would open up a lot of land for development in Lutterworth and Minden."

Glamorgan's reeve is already busily thinking of how the money could be spent. "We definitely need work done on the baseball field at the community centre," says Bev MacDuff, adding that council has yet to discuss the announcement. "The way it is now, you've got the field, the bleachers and where the kids play and there's no fence. We planned to fix it a few years ago, but it was just so costly we didn't have the money to do it."

The local seniors club has also asked for major improvements at the centre. Perhaps some of that work could be dovetailed with the new funding. As well, the county is undertaking a strategic plan with the assistance of Community Futures. Many of those projects may now be more possible because of the funding program.

"This money means we could accomplish a major infrastructure program and that certainly is needed," MacDuff says. "It's a refreshing change with all the cutbacks and social contract. I'm so glad to see something positive happen."

"It's encouraging," says Dysart

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CARNIVAL FUN: Rotarian Bill Obee holds the hoola hoop as a young participant in Minden's Winter Carnival races to beat the clock at Saturday's children's games. It was a great way to spend a weekend.

Calling all taxpayers: Board needs your help

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Now is the time for all good parents and taxpayers to come to the aid of their school board.

The Haliburton County Board of Education is asking for public support as it tries to convince the province that Junior Kindergarten

is not wanted in the Highlands.

Judging from the public's reaction at an emergency meeting last Monday night at the high school, that support is readily available. It just needs to be made a bit more vocal.

Along with the trustees, there were 14 people in the audience. When education committee

chairman Wendy Ladurantaye asked if any of them were there to support JrK, no one put up their hand. Ladurantaye then asked the people to start a letter writing campaign to the Ministry of Education, with copies forwarded to the board.

"We would certainly appreciate any assistance you can give us,"

she said. "Junior Kindergarten is expensive and it's not in the best interests of our children."

Sue Valm is the executive director of CHACE Inc., which runs two resource centres, a day-care centre and a home daycare program. Her board has written a letter against JrK in Haliburton

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Business owners share their frustrations with Liberal leader

by LEN PIZZEY
Publisher

A growing tax burden, rising minimum wages and the cost of government regulations were high on the list of frustrations for local business owners who met Ontario Liberal leader Lynn McLeod last Wednesday. McLeod was in Haliburton at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce, and she was careful to take a sympathetic stance toward the entrepreneurs in her audience, inviting them to tell her "what gets in your way" in trying to do business.

Like her counterpart in Ottawa, McLeod has made jobs the number one issue on her agenda. And with a by-election to be called in Victoria-Haliburton sometime in March, she'll have a chance to

test her platform with local voters at least a year before NDP premier Bob Rae must call a provincial election.

"We have become tremendously concerned about unemployment," said McLeod, who described the current economic woes as "an Ontario recession", with the province accounting for 97 percent of the nation's job losses.

She downplayed the traditional interventionist strategy of transferring tax dollars to create jobs. "The jobs that we need are going to be found in the private sector," said McLeod.

The Liberal leader didn't wait for the audience to tell her that the burden of taxation is shrinking disposable incomes and slowing Ontario's recovery. She admitted that new taxes are hav-

ing a negative effect on growth and bringing in less money than anticipated because they contribute to business failures and help drive economic activity "underground".

McLeod's focus on jobs was viewed with skepticism by at least one member of the audience. Former Dysart reeve Bill Davis reminded McLeod that it was she, as Minister of Natural Resources in the Peterson government, who refused to transfer crown timber rights to prospective new owners of G.W. Martin Lumber's Harcourt mill, which had closed at a cost of more than 130 jobs.

McLeod was unapologetic about her "difficult decision" and the circumstances surrounding it. She said there is a shortage of

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LIBERAL LEADER MEETS LOCAL BUSINESS PEOPLE: Ontario Liberal leader Lynn McLeod makes a point as MPP Sean Conway and local businessman Brian Moore listen intently. McLeod heard a lot about high taxes when she held a lunch meeting at Haliburton Legion last Wednesday, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

This week

Here, There and Everywhere...

The West Guilford Community Centre will be festooned with hearts and cupid on Sunday February 6 as it hosts the Sunday Supper Club's Valentine dinner. The Sunday Supper Club is for anyone who wishes to have a little companionship on Sunday, traditionally a time for family. The Club meets once a month and charges a nominal fee for the delicious meal. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Nancy Brink at 457-2222 days or 754-2516 in the evening.

Conservative candidate Chris Hodgson has opened up a campaign office in Lindsay. Anyone in need of information or who wants to share ideas or concerns is invited to contact him at 169 Kent Street West. The toll-free number is 1-800-665-2889; the local number is 328-1010 and the fax number is 328-1903. Hodgson's campaign manager is his younger brother, Andrew. They are the sons of Doug and Barbara Hodgson of Haliburton Lake.

Meanwhile, our new Liberal MP has made his first speech in parliament. During last Tuesday's marathon debate on Canada's peacekeeping role, John O'Reilly said "We owe it to those who are risking their lives in frightening situations that they have the best equipment and training available to adequately protect themselves and to ensure that the operation is carried out with success for Canada." O'Reilly was also "thrilled" to be asked to assume the Speaker's chair while Deputy Speaker David Kilgour held a discussion with other parliamentarians outside the chamber. "It was a day I will not forget soon," says O'Reilly, who thanked the voters of Victoria-Haliburton for making it all possible.

The Paudash Snowmobile Club is hosting the Paudash 100 Run on Saturday Feb. 5, with a start and finish at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. The fee is \$25 and the winner takes home 50 percent of the prize money. There are also several other prizes. Registration is at the centre between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.. A breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Wilberforce Minor Hockey Association.

This news item is for readers in northern Victoria County and southern Haliburton County. On the third Thursday of every month, the Mobile Resource Van will be at the Kinmount Town Hall. The van, made available by Family Resources, is a travelling resource for parents and caregivers of young children. It's a free drop-in program (adults must accompany children) consisting of crafts, climbing equipment, toys, books and a toy. The hours are from 10 a.m. to noon. Other locations include the Somerville centre in Burnt River the fourth Thursday of every month and the Norland Baptist Church the third Wednesday of every month.

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Globe readers can get their morning smile

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

There's good news for die-hard *Globe and Mail* readers. They can get their favourite newspaper in the Highlands again.

Thanks to the work of Rawn Brown of Westside Jug City — not to mention the rather persistent *G & M* fans who pestered the newspaper's Toronto office with phone calls — the paper will once again be available here in the wintertime.

Several weeks ago, delivery to the Minden and Haliburton Jug City stores came to an abrupt end. It had been a special delivery system and for reasons beyond Jug City's control, the store could no longer get papers trucked to the Highlands. And when devoted readers phoned the *Globe and Mail*, they were told that Haliburton wasn't on the *Globe's* winter distribution map to begin with so they couldn't expect the situation to be changed now. (Some of the people answering the phone didn't know that Haliburton was on any map, period.)

Hell hath no fury like a *Globe* reader scorned. The news was not handled well by the three dozen people whose day couldn't start without that "morning smile" on page one. But every time someone complained at Jug City, Jug City suggested that they phone the *Globe and Mail*. And so the telephone blitz began.

Whether it was to stop their phones from ringing or out of the kindness of their hearts, the *Globe's* circulation department has made a special arrangement with their Peterborough distribution centre. Every day, 35 *Globes* will be mailed to Haliburton from Peterborough at the *Globe's* cost. Although that means the *Globe* might arrive a little later in the morning, at least it should get here every day. When the mail



Jack Cox gives Joan Scott his 75 cents for a Saturday *Globe and Mail*. Thanks to a persistent telephone campaign, the *Globe* is once again available at Jug City in the winter.

truck arrives, Jug City staff will pick up the papers at the post office and bring them back to the store.

However, it should be noted

that Jug City is relying on the fidelity of its readers. It has to buy the papers outright so if the *Globe* doesn't sell, Jug City can't get a refund.

If you want to make sure you get your daily fix, it's wise that you ask staff to put aside a paper for you every day or just Saturdays.

Minden Lions pledge \$100,000 to healthcare

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The fundraising campaign for improved healthcare facilities has got off to a roaring start.

At Wednesday's meeting of the Minden Lions Club, the members unanimously agreed to pledge \$100,000 to the cause.

"You have to be positive," says Lions President Daryl Moore. "If the province says we have to raise \$4-million, let's do it."

The Club was spurred into action by county council's decision to take a leadership role in the fundraising. This decision signalled that the county had turned a corner and it was time

for everyone to work together to make the Highlands a better place to live.

It was the sign of optimism the Minden Lions Club was waiting for. "We said that if it looked like a definite, we'd like to get on board," Moore says.

In December, the province announced that it would contribute \$6.5-million to three projects: building 30 long-term care beds onto Haliburton Hospital; improving emergency services in both Minden and Haliburton; and upgrading Hyland Crest (which will require an addition including, it is possible, emergency and out-patient services as a replacement of the present Minden

Hospital.)

However, to access this money, the county needs to raise \$4-million. There is nearly \$1-million in the bank ear-marked for the Haliburton expansion and although the economy is still sluggish, county council feels it is necessary for the future of this county that the rest of the money be raised.

Nearly all the 14 Lions Club members present at the meeting signed on for the club's fundraising committee. Moore says that several major projects are planned, and it's hoped the club won't have to tap into its bingo funds to raise the money.

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Board retains control of ASES gates

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Tuesday night's meeting of the Haliburton County Board of Education.

Gate debate

The whole gate debate got rolling again when Wendy Ladurantaye said she believed that the administration of Archie Stouffer Elementary School should have the authority to open the gates to the school. At present, the decision must be made by the board. She wants administration to be able to make a quick decision without having to get board permission. What if there's an unforeseen need to open the gates? Why should the entire board need to be notified?

Her comments brought up all the arguments about why the gates should be used at all. One of the main concerns is that if the gates were open, cars would park in the entranceway, blocking entrance for fire trucks should there be a fire.

"My problem is not with opening the gates," Ladurantaye responded. "The issue is that the policy is so strict we are not giving the administration the opportunity to open the gates."

However, no changes were made to the policy. At present, if a group wants the gates open, it must make an application to the board ahead of time. Many trustees feel that if there was an emergency, no one at the scene would hesitate taking a crow bar to the gates.

School store passes the grade

Satisfied that local business owners' concerns have been addressed, the board voted in favour of Venture Plan proposal for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. This would allow business students to run a store at the school.

At first, businesses thought the store would be direct competition. At a recent meeting, however, they were told that supplies would be purchased locally. Pat O'Beirn, the owner of Under Cover Books, wrote that "your assurance, that tender process would be limited to county retail businesses, did much to allay fears that our own suppliers would be approached to unfairly compete against us."

As was noted at Tuesday's meeting, the recent controversy is part of the students' entire learning experience.

Changing technology

Despite efforts to enhance the profile of the high school's technology department, the woodworking and automotive courses are still not popular a wide spectrum of students, said Superintendent of Education, Dale Robinson. "We have not attracted females into the program, or many of the students who are university bound, or some of the students who are thinking of quitting school and going to work."

So plans are underway to introduce a broad-based technology program, which would take in students from many disciplines. A committee, which includes community members, has been

formed to make a funding application and discuss program guidelines. The deadline is February 27 and the board is eligible for a maximum of \$175,000 to implement the changes.

The education committee will hear a full presentation at its next meeting on February, and all trustees were invited to attend. The meeting is also open to the public.

A nice change

Quality education is alive and well in Haliburton County, Cheryl Murdoch reported, commenting on a recent human resources committee meeting. The committee met with various high school staff members and an invitation was issued to board members to visit the school to see how many positive things are happening. "It's an exciting opportunity to go into the school and see how these programs are working," said Murdoch. If a trustee has an interest in a particular program, a special visit can be arranged.

An interesting conference

Len Salvatori reported on a recent gathering of the Ontario Public School Board Association. One of the guest speakers said a major restructuring was needed. "We've got to change our attitudes about learning and change our attitudes about our communities," Salvatori said of the speaker's remarks. Changes must be cost efficient and more responsive to the needs of both the community and the students. Change is always upsetting but "we've got to calm down and look at what's

going to happen. And we need a willingness to change."

Another topic was the 200 per cent increase in violence at some Metro schools. New, tougher rules are being imposed. "The kids need to know what they can do and what they can't do at the schools."

School boards themselves are coming under attack from Education Minister David Cooke who wants to see their numbers reduced, or even perhaps replaced by community-based groups. The scuttlebutt was that Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough and North Hastings could fall under one jurisdiction. Such suggestions are not greeted warmly.

Meanwhile, a school in Waterloo County has introduced "site-based management. Everyone gets involved in the budget (and as a result), they're taking great strides in savings."

Director's comments

"There are times when you listen to the litany of things on our plate, and it is all overwhelming," said Director of Education Brad Saunders. As an antidote, he advised trustees to "go out into the schools and see all the good things that are happening. It allows you to keep your focus."

The board administration was recently invited to a science fair hosted by Diane Dron's Grade 8 class at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. "The thing that excited me was the excitement" of both the students who were showing off their special projects and the parents who had come to share their children's success. The visit reminded Saunders that "it's too easy to get caught up with the politics and finances of education and to lose

sight of that fact that what we're really about is children."

Special funding

Under the new federal and provincial make-work program, the local school board is eligible for \$121,000. However, to access the money the board must spend \$105,000. Can local taxpayers afford it? Can the board afford not to take advantage of the money?

The funds can only be used for projects that renew or enhance current infrastructure; full details will be made available later this month. In the past, the board has used jobsOntario money to start projects, such as re-roofing the high school, that were scheduled for a few years down the road.

Trustee John Munro that to cut costs, the school board has been cutting back on maintaining its buildings over the past few years. "Maybe the money can be applied to the physical plant," he said. Several possibilities are being explored.

No gambling

The high school football team will be raising money to pay for a victory banquet, but the players shouldn't bet on being able to use "scratch and play" tickets as one project.

Provincial rules state that games of chance will not be permitted without express approval of the director of education. And Brad Saunders says he has some "fundamental" problems with allowing any sort of gambling in the schools. "If you leave it to my philosophical bent, I may be inclined to reject any application. Do you want your schools involved with this type of activity?"

Trustees seemed to share his aversion to lottery tickets such as scratch and win. "Gambling has taken off in Canada and I think it's wrong," said Salvatori. However, he was in full support of the banquet, which is being held at the senior football team's victory in the highest level of provincial high school football. "It's like them winning the Stanley Cup... These kids are champions and every time to talk to them we seem to be turning them down." (The board turned down a request for a \$500 donation.)

The four fundraising projects are: the sale of scratch and win tickets; boxer shorts sale; a raffle for two Toronto Maple Leafs tickets; and soliciting local businesses for donations.

Some trustees wondered whether the changes in lottery licence rules would allow the ticket raffle. As well, Nancy Stinson said that as a parent of two high school students, "parents are getting overloaded with fundraising. We need to give some free months to parents."

On a somewhat related matter, Tim Casey asked whether Archie Stouffer Elementary School was making any provisions for the senior students who might not be able to afford the \$110 pricetag for a school trip to Niagara Falls. Wally Bunn also questioned why five teachers were scheduled to go as chaperones for the 66 students. These questions will be looked into.

Future meetings: Feb. 2, Special Education; Feb. 8, Management; Feb. 15, Human Resources; Feb. 22, regular board meeting.

Smoldering cigarette butt causes problems for teens

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A Minden teenager had a lot of explaining to do when he drove home from a day of skiing at Sir Sam's.

On Thursday, the teenager let some younger friends borrow the car, which was parked beside the Eagle Lake ski area. The friends used the car to protect them from the elements while they smoked a few cigarettes.

The young smokers didn't realize that one of the cigarette butts fell didn't quite make it into the ashtray and they locked the car and returned to the slopes.

At about 4:30 that afternoon, a passerby noticed that the car was filled with smoke. A fire extinguisher was used to try to put out the fire. When the Dysart firefighters arrived on the scene a

short time later, it didn't take much water to put out the fire.

Fire Chief Miles Maughan says the driver of the car was quite distraught. He wasn't as worried about the damage - which is about \$500 to replace a bucket car seat - as he was about how he was going to tell his parents about the damage. "The kids were kind of panicky."

Meanwhile, other Dysart firefighters were responding to a chimney fire in Gelert. That call had come in about five minutes before the Eagle Lake call and although the fire was quickly doused after the call, the owners wanted the firefighters to make sure everything was okay.

But having two calls come in quick succession made it seem that there was a major fire as fire truck after fire truck rushed through Haliburton's main street. Maughan says that this is only

the third time since he's been on the force that there were two calls at the same time.

On Friday, firefighters had a rather difficult time making it to the hall to respond to a call at seven in the morning. "The roads were treacherous," said Maughan, and some firefighters had to walk to the hall because the unsanded roads were simply too slippery to drive on. Luckily, the fire trucks were just heading out when they found out the fire was already out. A department captain had driven straight to the fire, which was in an electrical panel. The fire was extinguished and the captain phoned the hall to say everything was okay.

Maughan says the department responded to 12 calls in January which was "abnormal." He's not sure of the reasons, but urges everyone to be cautious as the cold weather continues.

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hill ahead of you. What makes you feel good is when people wave at you."

Dysart's road superintendent Gary MacDonald also had praise for his men. "They hung tough. A lot of people would have given up and gone home."

He lives in the subdivision high in the hills overlooking Head Lake in Haliburton. He left for work at 4:30 in the morning, but didn't get very far before his truck was in the ditch. He phoned Beau Bird to help him out, but Bird could only get part-way up the steep road leading to the houses. One can imagine it was a scary ride back down. Finally, a sander with chains arrived at 7:40.

However, two or three municipal trucks landed in the ditch before they could complete their run. Timing was slow, partly

because it took so long to get the trucks equipped with chains, and partly because they had to drive so slowly. You can't manoeuvre one of those big trucks in a hurry.

At the main roads shed, the phone was literally ringing off the hook. "Most people were very understanding and the realized what the situation was like. More than anything else, they just wanted a time when their road would be sanded."

One call came from Camp Wanakita, which had 82 stranded children. The bus refused to travel the Koshlong Lake Road until it was sanded, and even then, wanted it sanded another time. (Because it was so icy, the sand had nothing to grip and slipped off the road, too. Local municipalities have only three to five percent salt in their sand mixture.)

But the campers had to wait

because the sander was called to a Kashagawigamog resort. A group of guests had a plane to catch in Toronto and they couldn't get out.

Many of the roads were sanded by late afternoon, but some of the side roads didn't get any attention until Saturday, and by then the roads were a real mess.

It had warmed up on Friday afternoon, causing snow to melt into frozen culverts. Much of the moisture ended up on the road and when a car passed along, it created deep tracks of slush. That slush was frozen by the cold weather on Saturday, making for choppy conditions.

The only saving grace was a light dusting of snow on Friday night. This provided cars with enough traction to make Saturday driving a lot safer.

Tales of "how I survived the roads of January 28th" are legion. Here are a few of the stories overheard by the Echo.

- Warden Jim McMahon said it took him 35 minutes to drive six miles into Minden, where he owns McMahon Feed. But it almost wasn't worth the bother. "I've been here since shortly after seven this morning and I've had five customers," he said just before closing time.

- The mail arrived on Friday from Peterborough, but only two workers at the Haliburton Post Office were able to make it in to work so they had a busy time getting it all sorted. As well, it was simply too slippery for the rural route drivers to make their runs. This was a bit upsetting to some people, since it was the delivery day for many government cheques. Since many of the banks and stores closed early to allow their staff extra time to get home, the late delivery might not have made much of a difference anyway.

- Several municipal offices were closed.

- The Canar bus didn't even try to make it up on Thursday night so there was no bus service to or from Toronto on Friday.

- All school buses were cancelled but the schools remained open for anyone who could make it in.

- The ice was bad for business at several resorts. Some guests cancelled reservations but luckily, many of them simply postponed their plans to visit the Highlands.

- It was even too slippery for tow trucks. Emile Duchene of West Guilford Service he wouldn't let his truck go out unless the road was sanded. But there weren't many calls anyway. "Most people were unable to even get out of their driveways. I think they realized they had to stay in and off the roads," he says. He had to drive to Lindsay and there was not one car in the ditch.

John Peel of Curry Motors agrees. Of the 15 calls they received that day, only four or five were linked to the weather. "It was surprisingly quiet. We had quite a few calls, but it was nothing like the cold snap. Everyone was just staying put. On the back roads, you just couldn't move. I had to creep down my road, and I mean creep."



CHASE AWAY THOSE WINTER BLUES

Local children certainly enjoyed the games which were part of Minden's Winter Carnival on the weekend. At top, Mark Mattsson has perfect aim in the frisbee toss while below, a young girl puts a ball through a hoola hoop.

The games were sponsored by the Minden Rotary Club. Although Friday night events were cancelled because of the poor driving conditions, there was plenty to do on Saturday. Many local groups volunteered their time and imagination to make the weekend a success for everyone.



Business Briefs

Michael Croft of Hyland Ice Supply in Wilberforce sent us a copy of an article in a recent edition of Huronia Sunday. The article talks about Orillia's huge ice castle at last weekend's winter carnival. The castle is 37 feet by 24 feet, with eight-foot high walls, and the 6,000 blocks of ice were supplied by Hyland Ice. Mr. Croft points out that his company usually produces chipped ice and this is the first time their ice will be used as a building material. Congratulations to Hyland Ice for this rather imaginative way of increasing its market.

The Bank of Montreal is also introducing a new service. The Haliburton branch has a long-awaited bank machine, which will be available to cash-strapped customers seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Michael, Glenda and Rob Bryson of Bryson Marine are excited to announce that they have just been appointed as a Suzuki dealership. In the very near future, the Quadrunners will be arriving at the Allsaw bridge. Over the past year and a half, the Brysons have strived to maintain a high quality of service, because customer satisfaction is of utmost importance to them. Now in addition to marine and snowmobile service, repair and storage, they are able to provide quality ATVs along with warranty service and repairs as a Yamaha stern driver dealer. They invite you to drop in and say hello.

Gary Baumgartner has earned his distinction as a Canadian Residential Appraiser. He started his CRA courses in 1990 through the University of Guelph and after passing his course requirements and articling with an appraiser, he is now a member of the Appraisal Institute of Canada. The Haliburton real estate agent has a new business called G. Baumgartner Appraisals.

The Cottage Show is coming, the Cottage Show is coming. On February 4 to 6 at the Metro East Trade Centre in Pickering, thousands of cottagers will be looking for properties or ideas of what they can do with their properties. More than 1,000 cottage industry experts and over 250 exhibitors are expected for this year's show. The emphasis will be on cottages for less than \$99,000. For more information, contact show director Ron Cowan at 1-800-387-5291 or (416) 636-5056. The Echo has two complimentary passes; if you'd like them on a first-come-first-given basis, drop by the Echo office in Haliburton.

Chad Irvine of H & R Block in Haliburton submitted a press release about a recent Supreme Court decision that continues to deny women the opportunity to deduct childcare costs as a business expense for tax purposes. A female lawyer had maintained that her nanny's wages should be fully deductible because the expenses were a necessary and reasonable cost, especially for a working woman. Irvine says that working parents should not give up hope. Some childcare expenses are deductible but there is a dollar limit per child. Tax time is fast approaching and there are several local companies, including H & R Block, that can help you get ready and make the most of your income.

Value for money:

Trustees say they're giving taxpayers a good deal

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Ministry of Education wants to cut costs by cutting the number of school board trustees across the province.

But local trustees feel that the taxpayers of Haliburton County are getting good value for their money.

There are 15,000 residents in Haliburton County served by 15 trustees. In the city, the ratio is much, much higher. However, some city trustees earn \$40,000 a year. In Haliburton County, the annual stipend is \$6,000.

"It's a taxpayer's issue," Tim Casey said at Tuesday night's board meeting at the high school. "Is it worth to the taxpayers of that municipality \$6,000 to have a voice on the school board?"

Although Casey agrees in cutting costs, he doesn't believe that cutting the number of trustees would work well in a rural area such as Haliburton, especially given its vast size.

Nancy Dunsford believes that municipalities will want to ensure they have proper representation. Just as Haliburton County is different than other areas in the province, she says each municipality in the county is different. "In all fairness to the people, I think they should bring that difference to the table."

In the past trustee allocation was based on equalized assessment, explained Len Salvatori. Dysart et al and Anson, Hindon and Minden agreed to give up some of their seats to ensure that each of the 10 municipalities had a voice on the school board, even though some of the smaller municipalities did not have the number to warrant having a trustee.

He was at a meeting at which Education Minister David Cooke said that if school boards did not voluntarily reduce their number of trustees, he'd do it for them. But Cooke's edicts are not exactly welcomed by the trustees. After all, he's the one who's try-

ing to make them implement Junior Kindergarten.

Wally Bunn noted that "the way the government talks we should be cutting back and then they tell us to put in JrK" which will cost the board tens of thousands of dollars.

He asked how someone in Glamorgan can phone a trustee in Haliburton to talk about a bus route or problem specific to Glamorgan. "It's a pretty cheap investment to have a trustee."

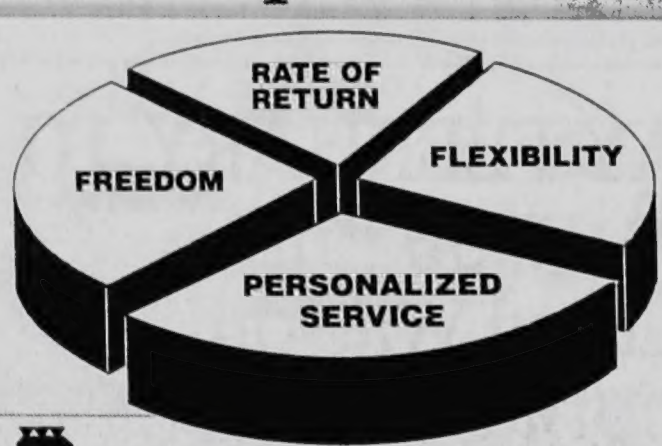
With the present workload, Cheryl Murdoch wondered how the board could get by with fewer trustees. Along with board meetings, trustees are on several committees and as a board with a relatively small administration, "we don't have a lot of back up."

John Munro said he could see the argument in favour of a smaller board, but it's not something that can be addressed in just one meeting. He'd like more input from the public.

Discussions will indeed continue.

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Parents urged to join fight against JrK

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County. "We find it really frustrating that the same measuring stick for the city is being used in the country," Valm said on Monday night. Not only is it possible that children as young as three and a half will spend an hour on the bus, but an eight-hour school day is also very demanding. As well, "we're worried that parents may doubt their ability to parent and feel pressured to enroll their children."

The province has spent \$500,000 supporting agencies such as CHACE and WeeCare. Why negate that investment by forcing the board to spend money it doesn't have on JrK? "We find that a really senseless duplication," Valm said.

When the NDP government was elected, it promised to create more daycare spaces and CHACE thought it had a real ally. JrK is a "back door" way of honouring that promise "and we're very disappointed that they've abandoned the cornerstone of quality as being the most important," she added.

She promised to rally the membership behind the board.

The Haliburton County Taxpayers Coalition says it too will help gather support. It has 250 members, said spokesman Mike Kitcheman, who could be contacted to write letters, and then ask others to write letters. As well, "if we brought the coters in, we could really get some clout - they're getting absolutely nothing."

Kitcheman asked the board to look at the issue this way: if he had two jobs and one boss was paying him 28 percent of his income, and the other boss was paying him 62 percent of his income, which boss would he listen to? Substitute Boss #1 for the province's contribution to local education funding, and Boss #2 for the local taxpayers, and you have another answer.

Robert Heinze said that as a taxpayer "I am fed up to the teeth with the implementation of more taxes." He's heard the trustees say that if the board doesn't follow the province's orders and implement JrK, the province might cut off the board's funding. "Have they told you they'll flatly cut your grants? That sounds like blackmail to me. Have you contacted a lawyer?"

No direct threat has been received, but withholding funds is within the province's power. As Superintendent of Education Dale Robinson said, it's the staff's responsibility to keep trustees well informed of the rules and the potential hazards of breaking them.

Board chairman Lloyd Griffiths said that as a board, they cannot influence the province. It's voters who have that power, and it's voters who should be helping the board. Trustee John Munro added, "We don't have an MPP to write to, so the ultimate vote is the vote of the parents."

In the half hour discussion preceding the public presentation, the trustees were united in their wish to delay implementation. (Thought but not spoken is that the NDP will soon have to face an election and are unlikely to win. The new government might be more willing to not place such demands on unwilling school boards.)

Trustee Len Salvatori said that there are 22 boards fighting JrK for a variety of reasons - no room, no money, no philosophical agreement. Some Metro boards don't receive any provin-

cial funding, so they can throw caution to the wind. (Others see the whole JrK debate as a power struggle between the province and the large boards.) But at a meeting last Friday in Toronto among various boards, Salvatori said the consensus was the 22 boards should stick together and not budge.

Junior kindergarten is a subsidy for parents who would otherwise be paying for daycare, said Trustee LeRoy Eager, and he doesn't think taxpayers should be asked to do that. He also says many of his fellow bus drivers are adamantly opposed to having such young children mixed in with the older children. There's even the possibility that some children won't be toilet trained yet.

What happens if there's a long cold snap and a parent decides not to send their child to school, Ladurantaye asked. Robinson said that parents do not have to send their children to school until

Grade 1, but if the child is enrolled, she must attend classes regularly.

Trustee Elsa May suggested asking Ministry officials to leave their comfortable Toronto offices and travel the bus route a three-year-old JrK student might take in Haliburton.

Until two weeks ago, the board thought it could apply to delay implementation. But then it received a letter from a Ministry official who says that boards can delay full implementation, but that some sort of JrK had to be offered this September. This was the reason for the emergency meeting.

The board could implement JrK at Cardiff, Dorset and Gooderham at no extra cost because kindergarten enrollment isn't at the maximum student/teacher ratio. But the board has generally felt that if you start it in one school, you should start it in all schools. As well, because bussing is available

to older children, it would be very difficult for the board to refuse to transport JrK students.

Trustee Munro had an interesting perspective. He represents the Dorset area. Dorset is split between Haliburton County and Muskoka, where JrK is available. Some parents are paying to send their child to JrK in Muskoka. Some parents are sending their children on the bus; some are driving them to school. Others have decided that JrK is not an option they wish to pursue. Every type of choice has been made, and the parents who make them seem to be generally happy with their decisions.

In the end, trustees agreed to continue with the application to delay implementation until 1996. They expect to submit the application in the next week or so, and then might get a response within two weeks. Meanwhile, they are asking people to write letters in support of the board's position (or against JrK).

House numbering system will take time

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

To celebrate his 80th birthday, Jack Spencley nailed an 8 and a 0 to the front porch of his home on Park Street in Haliburton.

This made it easier to direct people to his Haliburton home and was also meant as a bit of a spur to get Dysart to begin a street numbering system. None of the houses in the village are numbered and he felt it was time for Haliburton to move into the big town league.

But now Mr. Spencley is 81, and he's still living at 80 Park Street. Sometimes he thinks "I'll

be 100" before they number the street properly.

It turns out that implementing a numbering system is not as easy as one, two three Park Street.

The project has been taken over by the Haliburton Rotary Club. Greg Bishop says his committee has been working closely with Bell Canada to ensure that the new system will fit in well with Bell's plans to introduce 911.

"There's been a lot of input from Bell Canada," he says, "and we're reviewing their books

before taking the next step."

Bishop says other areas have introduced numbering systems that haven't worked out. By taking a cautious approach and doing lots of research and planning beforehand, Bishop is optimistic that Haliburton will have a numbering system that everyone can be pleased with. Whether we have those numbers before Mr. Spencley turns 82 is another matter...

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The preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan offices, Gooderham, Ontario.

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EDITORIAL

In praise of the roads workers

When you were sitting at home on Friday morning, wondering when the municipal sander was going to make your road driveable, did you ever ask yourself how the driver of the sander got to work? Does he have some magic way of making his car tires grip the ice and propel him forward? Is he without fear when he heads into work in the morning, not sure that he'll even make it out his driveway?

This editorial is in praise of the men – and in Haliburton County all the drivers are men – who came out on Friday to sand and plow our roads. It was a job no one envied and indeed, it was a job few people would have wanted to take on. Most side roads were a sheet of ice, and it's no fun to slide into a ditch when you're behind the wheel of such a massive vehicle. Least of all your worries was who would pull you out. Chains on tires helped, but chains couldn't always cut through the inches of ice. And it was so icy, most of the sand was just slipping off the road anyway. No doubt, there were quite a few times when the drivers' stomachs were in their throats as they approached a notoriously bad corner or hill. As their superintendents say, you had to have a lot of courage to do the drivers' job on Friday.

These trucks costs tens of thousands of dollars. Many municipalities wanted to protect their investment by keeping the trucks off the road until the ice melted a bit. And yet, the calls kept pouring in. "When are you going to sand my road?" Most people were very understanding and simply wanted to know when it would be safe to venture out. They didn't even mind when they were told that the crews would need another day to reach all the side roads. But a minority of callers were angry that their plans were being delayed. How would they feel about an increase in taxes to pay for repairs to the sander that ended up in a ditch? How would they feel if they were the driver of the truck who was expected to make it up the slippery hill to their house?

When Mother Nature decides to make life difficult, no one can stop her. (Just ask the people in Los Angeles who are still picking up the pieces of the recent earthquake.) Everything that could go wrong, did go wrong with Friday's weather. There was very little the roads departments could do given the worst case scenario they were faced with. It's admirable that they were able to do as much as they did. That's why they deserve our praise, not our complaints.

In the general scheme of life, it doesn't really matter that you didn't make it in to work on Friday because the roads were too slippery. In most cases, the office survived without you – and the majority of your co-workers. If plans were delayed, so be it. Most plans aren't worth getting into a ditch or even worse, an accident, over.

Instead, your only option was to enjoy spending the day at home. You would be out on the roads soon enough. Just be glad that it wasn't your job to be out sanding the roads for all the stranded workers. **M.P.**

Letters to the Editor are welcome, but they must be signed



Photo by Len Pizze

Stay-at-home moms work hard, too

To the Editor from our Readers

To the Editor:

While I agree with Caroline Bishop's distaste over statements made by Bill Payne, I must take exception to some of her remarks.

Ms. Bishop implies that women who stay at home are non-contributing members of the family, live a "hollow life of leisure" and are idle. I was a full time stay at home mother until my youngest son entered Kindergarten. I made all my family's clothes, including my husband's suits. I did all my own preserving, taught Sunday School, took meals to sick friends, as well as run my own household. I was far from idle! One of my best friends is a stay-at-home mother and she is the hardest worker I know!

Nurturing young children and creating a stable family is the most important, yet most underrated job there is. Stay at home mothers take too many knocks from our "liberated" society, most often from working women who ask, "What do you do all day?" My response is that they should follow the stay at home mums for a day and just try to keep up!

Many stay at home mothers live in relationships where they are not dominated and I sincerely believe that they are making the most valuable contribution possible to ensure a "healthy community"! I find it "sickening" that these women are constantly degraded and undervalued today!

Kim Stamp,
Haliburton.

A hatchet job

To the Editor:

I know Norm Deakin will speak for himself as soon as he receives the copy of the *Echo* criticizing him.

However, having attended the meeting where he spoke, I must say he has ..., contrary to your editorial accusation, adapted his ideas to "present reality".

Indeed, the Hamilton-based company he works for has already contracted out their system with three school boards in this province, he said.

As Mr. Deakin remarked that evening, they have signed on "not because they like us, but because they can't afford not to."

Instead of heaping ridicule on people such as Norm Deakin and Bill Payne, the *Echo* should more earnestly study the value of any money-sav-

ing idea, no matter how wild it may seem to local reporters and editors at the time.

Boards would not simplistically be handing out \$6,000 per child to the parents. The new Zealand situation is predicated on this continent by several states south of the border under the name of voucher system.

The system ensures that any educational dollar kicked back to parents or guardians only finds its way to bookstore tills and teacher pockets.

Would that not be a marvelous way for the parents, who "prefer the alternative (of) private schools", to pay for it?

The hatchet job done by the tax coalition meeting story is not worthy of an award-winning weekly that is staffed with quick-thinking and hard-working journalists.

Charles Lutz,
Haliburton

Healthcare's future

To the Editor:

As the mandate of the present Community Directional Planning Committee will end on March 31st, 1994, it is important that the general public be made aware of the status it presently obtains.

For two years, this committee has attempted to implement the desires of the people of the county for the construction of additional bed space to the present Haliburton Hospital, without success. In the meantime the provincial government has, on three separate occasions, iterated their financial commitment to this project. After a second feasibility study by an expensive off-shore consultant group approved the project, the powers-that-be came up with policy paper that is essence appeared to promise funding for a broad mix of capital projects. It is this policy paper that I would like to analyse herein.

Firstly, it must be made abundantly clear that the \$800,000 or so collected voluntarily by the public cannot be legally used for any other purpose than that mandated by the Fund Committee. This last has been verified by the present administrator of the fund and several other legal opinions obtained by the writer. Furthermore, neither our Committee nor the government itself, can transfer any of the committed government funding for any other purposes than those outlined in the mandate.

Putting it another way, this project is a fait accompli and must be considered separately from all the other capital plans. Therefore since the increase in potential funding in the amount of \$6-million was not in addition to the funding of about \$2-million already earmarked for the Haliburton

Hospital project, it is obvious that the actual potential new funding amounts to some \$4-million plus.

As you are aware this is potential funding only. For every dollar collected, the government will give us two. But until our new fund reaches the \$2-million limit, the only government money available is that already promised to match the \$800,000 in our kitty.

Now a word as to the future methods of raising this rather daunting sum of money. It can be attempted on a purely voluntary basis, remembering that we are a relatively poor county with 30% unemployment, no major industries and over 80% of those who have jobs, working at low-pay service levels. Alternately we might raise these funds through long-term debentures paid back over time with a special Health levy on our tax bills. But one huge impediment to either plan lies in the public's loss of faith in our deliberations. To regain it only the implementation of actual construction of the hospital beds will suffice.

Finally, in the government's funding proposal there was a restrictive caveat. Certain procedures and classes of patients would be confined to a single hospital. The specifics were never spelled out but there was the inference, at least, that the Minden Hospital might be the loser.

Not appreciated in this stricture is the fact that the Minden catchment area extends well beyond the county borders taking in, as it does, towns and townships of northern Victoria County. The Minden health unit comprises three doctors and a well-trained nursing staff with a superb reputation behind them. Unless this problem can be addressed to the total satisfaction of both the Minden future, and their medical practitioners, any future fund drive will be doomed to failure.

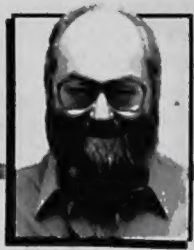
This whole matter is of urgent concern to everyone in this County. I would urge that as many interested members of the public as possible attend the meetings of this Committee so that we, your committee members, can be better advised as to your feelings in these matters since the present government's mandate itself is coming to a close. Our time frame for action is perilously short.

H. Michael Collins,
Committee member, Gooderham

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**THE VIEW
FROM HERE**
HARVEY CLARKE

ON THE ROAD: As we left you in the last column, we had been leaving for my trip across the Straits of Juan de Fuca, from Victoria on Vancouver Island to Port Angeles in Washington state, on the Olympic peninsula.

It was a somewhat rough sea journey, and for some reason or other morose for myself than my wife or my brother in law, Fred, (who is traveling with us in his own motorhome). The ferry wallowed from side to side, and I found I felt better sitting right in the middle of a lounge on the main deck — so that's where I sat for most of the crossing...

Not far from where we landed, friends we met in Texas two years ago were working at an RV park as camp hosts, so we dropped in and surprised them and stayed overnight. We had a couple of good visits that afternoon and evening, and left the next day for an excellent view of Olympic National Park on our way south to Salem, Oregon.

Here we were back on the track of the trip we had taken three years ago, and had another visit with my cousin there. Then, once again we traveled down the beautiful, rugged Oregon Coast on Highway 101 to Harris Beach State Park on the California border, with an overnight stop near Coos Bay. Done it all before, but couldn't stop taking pictures. Breathtaking views at every turn...

Fred liked Harris Beach as much as we had in the past, and we took a ten-day break here to catch up a little from the busy days of the past month on the road. It gave us a chance to take a few side trips to some of the more spectacular overlooks along the coast, and plan for the next phase of our trip...

That took us to the strip by the ocean where we had camped last trip. We used the FWD Suzuki to travel inland and up to the Lady Bird Johnson

Grove in Redwood National Park and share the impact of these mighty trees and enjoy them ourselves once again.

This time we didn't stay over, but pushed on to Eureka. This historic city was once the rich home of lumber barons. Their Victorian Era mansions have been preserved and restored, as have whole sections of the main streets in the old downtown area.

Not far away was Ferndale, an entire "Victorian Village" that has also been designated as a California State Historical Site. We took a lot of pictures and picked up a couple of copies of their local weekly paper, "The Enterprise," (which has been published since 1878), for the stories on the earthquake there in April 1992...

There were more enormous redwoods on parade as we continued south along the "Avenue of Giants," with a few more picture stops along the way. But there were no places to take any shots on the first 20 miles of California Highway One as we headed back closer to the coast on our way to Fort Bragg.

I've driven in 48 states and most provinces, but this was the twistiest stretch of road I have ever driven, with many turns warning of maximums of 20, 15 and even 10 miles per hour. I am not even sure they should be allowing motorhomes on this section, but it was too late to find that out!

Fort Bragg is the home of the famous Skunk Train, (old timers claimed you could smell it before you saw it), and for once our timing was right. We have ridden on historic trains in Pennsylvania and other areas, but often seem to arrive midweek in the off-season when trips are confined to weekends.

This time we were able to travel through the redwoods on the California Western Railroad because we were there on the weekend. It is still a regular railroad for hauling freight, but the passenger business is strictly for fans, with self-propelled diesel cars from the 30s.

From Fort Bragg we were also able to visit the beautiful little town of Mendocino, and its surrounding rugged shoreline. It looks like a typical New England shore village, and it was interesting to try and pick out places from the TV series "Murder, She Wrote," which uses the town and the old homes for background for the series...

How far is far on cold day?



**DOWN
OUR ROAD**
SHARON LYNCH

WHEN PAULA'S CAR DIED there in the cold L.C.B.O. parking lot, the first thought to enter her friend Shelly's mind was how very far they were from home. In driving time, they were maybe an hour and a quarter from Paula's house. But they weren't driving now. They were sitting in a cold car looking at the brightly lit L.C.B.O. store, wondering how long it would be open. Shelly was not thinking about the car and getting it fixed. Common sense told her that whatever was wrong with the vehicle, no one was going to mend it that sub-zero night.

But being stranded in a small village where it appeared the limited services were either closed or about to make both women feel vulnerable and uneasy. For a moment, all their week's lessons about life skills, dealing with stress and intellectual toughness went right out the window. They just wanted to get warm and get home.

The first step was to get out of Paula's car and head for the L.C.B.O. Shelly hoped the store was not near closing. Please let the staff be understanding, she thought to herself. There was that feeling of vulnerability again and she hated it. She and Paula pushed open the heavy glass door entering a world of bright lights, neatness and heat. It was wonderful, like finding order amongst the sudden chaos of their lives, Shelly mused. She realized she was over-reacting but couldn't help but feel better.

Then, over a period of seventy minutes, the store manager and cashier made Shelly and Paula feel like old friends. A pot of coffee was brewed, comfortable chairs were proffered and the telephone put at their disposal. The manager assured them he would remain at the store until arrangements had been made for their trip home, so they would not be stranded.

That was the easy part. The hard part was contacting either husband. "It takes a surprisingly short time to grow to hate the sound of your own voice on an answering machine," Paula noted. "Someone had a good idea however, when calling cards were conceived," she conceded. Finally an out-of-breath male voice greeted Paula's insistent ringing, just before the machine picked up the call. After hearing what had happened, he said he was on his way to get them and the car would be taken care of the next day. A collective sigh rose from the L.C.B.O.'s office.

Setting a new record in his drive from Haliburton, Paula's husband arrived to bang on the locked store door. At first no one heard him, so deep were they in a discussion about politics.

But then the manager heard and in three minutes they were loaded into the warm car, headed north once again. The other dead vehicle deserved only a curse and desultory glance as they left it sitting in the parking lot like an abandoned traitor.

It was on the ride home that the full impact of how different their situation could have been struck Shelly. There were few cars, even once they left the small community and returned to the main highway. Their own vehicle's windows were iced over, making the only visibility front facing. Scuttles of dry snow were pushed across the pavement by a bitter wind.

Had Paula's car failed here, in the middle of this bleak cold countryside with extreme weather so in evidence, the trip home would have been not only long, but possibly fatal. Instead they were listening to Paula's husband explain where they had to stop to pick up the kids who were at the movies when Paula called. Shelly loosened her jacket and took off her mitts. But she did not complain about being too warm.

Why is art necessary?

Art and Me
by Marion J. Hare

Editor's note: Last week, the Echo mistakenly printed only the first half of Mrs. Hare's column, for which we apologize. Here it is printed in its entirety.

OF SIGNIFICANCE these days is the question: To what extent is art a necessary facet of our lives? Artistic endeavors, particularly during these difficult economic times, can seem to be incidental to our lives or even superfluous. Why should we continue to spend significant funds publicly or even individually in order to engage in this activity within our communities. Should we not just jettison the programs or reassign our personal funds and use the savings more judiciously?

It is not a question with a simple finite answer, but one that gained relevance for me years ago when an associate, who was both an antiquary and a professor of Ancient Art, posed a question that has become more profound the more I ponder it. If artistic endeavors are not essential to our lives why is it that artifacts from antiquity, even utilitarian ones are so often shaped with aesthetic intention as well as functional use in mind?

In other words there is considerable evidence available to assert that an appreciation for that which is appealing to the eye is present in our earliest finds of human habitation. This is one of the important distinctions between primitive people and animals.

It was this colleague's observation that early



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motion idea from Curry Motors in one of the walls. He thinks these cards were probably used in the 1950s; the wording on the back is fairly self-explanatory. Our thanks to Mark and Donna Brohm for sharing it with us.

Excuse me while I have my say



**NORTHERN
LIGHTS**
VIRGINIA MUENZEL

HERE WE GO AGAIN with another one of those male/female things where many of those involved tend to let words fall from their mouths or pens without considering their impact on other people. As a feminist who believes in choices, I personally feel I got slammed by both sides this time. On the one hand, we have a person who leads a coalition of taxpayers (seemingly unaware that some of them are not men) allegedly remarking about women not having to work, and not paying taxes, so they shouldn't have a say. On the other hand, once again, I got the feeling that because, for the last several years, I have chosen to stay home (which translates into well-meaning women friends saying things like, "You don't work") I am somehow a lesser, or lower-caste person.

Trouble is, I was born too soon. There was no women's movement to support me when I came of age and had my career desires laughed at by the male Teaching establishment. And, unfortunately, at that time in my life, I didn't have the strength to fight it alone. I have worked, by choice, at a few jobs. Some more challenging than others. A lot of the time, I stayed home, by choice, with my kids. I've always chosen to do volunteer work, though none of us are always free to do what we want, when we want, I like to think that, just like men, women have the right to make choices based on our adult responsibilities, as well as our desires.

During past times, as well as now, when I have chosen not to go out there into the work force, it has never even once been out of submission. And I must say I find it terribly hurtful that anyone would think that women who stay at home are generally non-contributing. Does a woman have to "bring home a paycheck" to be a contributor?

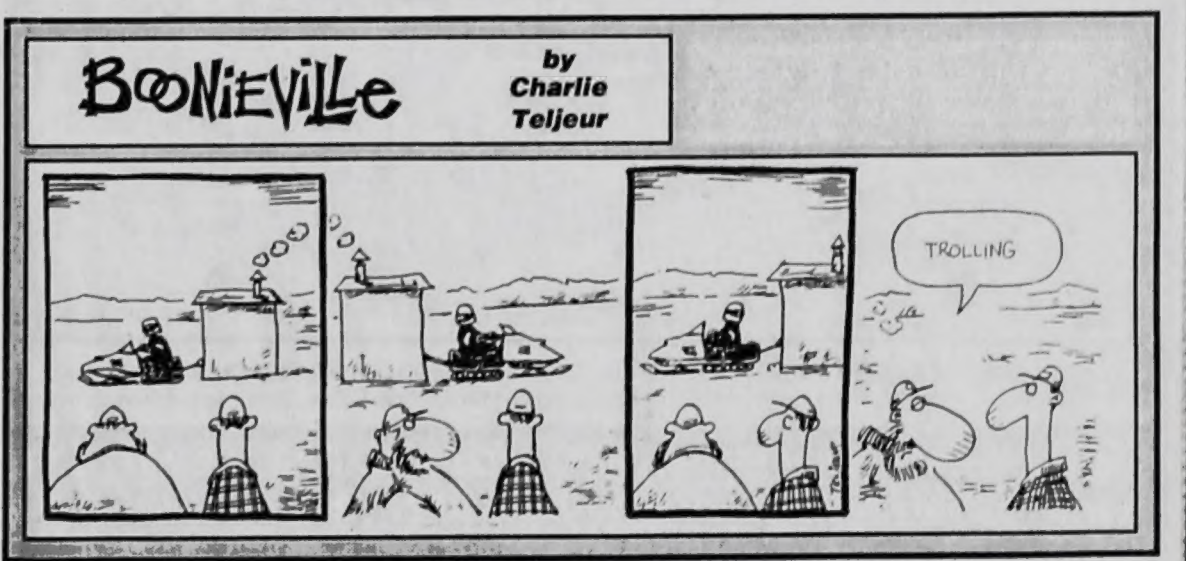
Sometimes, to put it bluntly, I work my butt off at home. Shoveling out those coops or turning over garden beds by hand is not for the faint of heart. It's work. Sometimes I spend a few hours sitting on my butt at home putting one of these columns together. That's work too. Sometimes I work with my creative juices on some weaving, or by volunteering my capable services where they are needed. Sometimes, I actually even get down on my hands and knees and scrub floors, or pull weeds. And sometimes, damn it, I sit on my butt on my peaceful back porch and read a book, or walk down through my field of wildflowers, and out onto the dock and thank God that I am free to do these things.

I couldn't stand being cooped up in a building from 9-5 five days a week doing anything. That doesn't mean, as some well meaning super women have told me that, "You don't have a 'real' job." our money is as tight as anyone's right now, and since we've taken on our first debt here, I have considered getting some kind of a part time job. (And, by the way, I do have many job skills) However, the last time I worked part time up here, my wages simply put us into a higher tax bracket, practically negating anything I had earned. So, in my estimation, I can save us more money by doing what I enjoy doing at home, than I could by getting a part time job I don't particularly like. Let's face it. Jobs are scarce out there, and there are women who really need them.

I don't much care for self-righteous home-makers who accuse 'working moms' of being selfish, less nurturing mothers. Staying home doesn't automatically make one a good mother. On the other hand, a woman who feels a special satisfaction from spending a lot of quality time with her children, and doing all the many talented things women can do at home, by choice, should never be made to feel insignificant for what she contributes to her family, to her home, and to her community.

I happen to believe all work that any man or woman does with dignity and pride is important. It doesn't matter if a person, male or female, digs ditches, or designs buildings. Waits tables or owns the restaurant. Conducts multiple by-pass surgery, or fetches bed pans. Bakes a birthday cake for his/her child or runs a bakery. Makes beds or sells sheets. If it's a paying or non-paying job that needs being done, and is done well, then he/she who does it deserves merit and self-esteem. So there!

And, as for that claptrap about women shouldn't have a say ... If that really came out of that man's mouth, then as a woman, I say someone ought to tape it shut!



ECHO Sports

Odds makers can bet on Novice technique

Haliburton's OMHA Novice Huskies headed into the final week of league play — three games to go — and needing a sweep to finish ahead of the field. A tough division this year when you consider this would mean having to win 20 in 24 chances. They left no doubt in anyone's mind as to who owned the division by accomplishing that feat!

The Huskies started the winning run against the team they will meet in the first round of Zone playoffs. Ya, you guessed it ... the Beaverton Blades. What Haliburton OMHA club isn't headed there this year? Tough luck Beaverton.

The Husky coaches took this opportunity to tinker with the line-up — moving players to unfamiliar positions in an experiment to see what might work. Not much did! They played just well enough to win in a 4-3 game that was not flattering to either side. The Beaverton coach would beg to differ but he wasn't getting a true picture of the proceedings. Geez, I hope he doesn't read this. "The real Husky team shows up in two weeks" as trainer Steve Cooper was quick to remind him. Told wolf in sheep's clothing ruse. As if the Huskies really need a psychological edge. Bonus! Are these guys devious or is it my imagination?

Enough about the "game" within a "game". The Huskies built a 4-1 lead on the strength of two goals from Wilson and Singles from Bain and Gerry, before toying with the Blades and allowing them to climb back in it.

Tuesday it was a quick jaunt to Minden for a 5 o'clock dinner meeting with the Monarchs who served up another victory to the Haliburton side. It wasn't prime rib, as expected, more like tubesteak and beans, as the blue bloods had a game in mind for the last scrimmage.

Goalie Mark Snell proved to be a "royal" pain as he stoned the Huskie offense on numerous good chances — holding them to a paltry three goals. Unfortunately for Minden this effort would go unrewarded as their forwards got no breaks from a strong backline of Huskies. Led by sometime defenseman Chris Petrow and anchor Alex Judge, and an able supporting cast of Bishop, Ambridge and Sharpley; they built a strong case for the defense. Highlight ... Petrow div-

ing through his goalie's crease to block a sure score after Chalmers had made the initial toe save, but could not handle the rebound. Jeff Wilson twice, and Travis Bain, were the only players to hit pay dirt in the shutout, with Warren Cooper drawing an assist as the set up man on Wilson's one-timer.

Sunday, preliminaries out of the way, it was on to the title bout against Fenelon Falls. The Flyers entered this last game on Husky ice looking to even the series at 2 games a piece and cast some doubt as to who owned first. Bragging rights only was at stake here as neither of these two class outfits meet in playoffs. A pity!

The Flyers lost altitude and crash landed short of the summit as the sled dogs never looked back in reaching the top with a 6-3 victory statement. As was the case in their last meeting, a big team effort from all eleven guys out-muscled and out-hustled the disappointed Fenelon club.

Travis Bain opened, the scoring on a nice break-out pass from Chris Petrow; one-timed another in the third on a pass-out to the far side from Warren Cooper, and tried the hat-trick on for size by splitting the defense on a great determined effort for the last Husky score with 47 seconds to go.

Warren Cooper drilled one in to the top corner from an impossible angle and was set up by Jeff Wilson again, for his second. Chris Petrow had the other score — beating the defense; the goalie; and the clock by one second to

put the Huskies up 3-1 going into the second.

The encouraging play of Ryan Chalmers and his defense seems to have the Huskies peaking for the playoffs. One guy in particular stood out in this game and it wasn't just his size. The Big Anchor Alex Judge is one reason the tough Flyers only scored three.

A footnote: The OMHA Novice Huskies are defending Champions for the second straight year in Zone Playoffs. Anyone for three? I almost forgot! Happy birthday Steve! So that was your mugshot in the paper last week. Did we really grow our hair that long way back then?



BREAKIN' AWAY

Haliburton's Novice Bs took control of the puck during Saturday afternoon's game against Mariposa. The Huskies tied this playoff game, and the one preceding it, extending their winning streak to eight games

Novice B's tie with Mariposa

Haliburton Novice "B's" travelled to Little Britain to play Mariposa in the first game of an away-and-home series. This game was an exciting, tight checking affair with the goalies for both teams coming up with the big save that would keep their team in the game. Mariposa opened the scoring midway through the first, but before the period ended Adam Tomlinson tied the score on an unassisted goal.

Mariposa went up by one early in second, but this time it was Joel Cooper scoring unassisted to tie the game at 2-2. The Huskies took their only lead of the game when they scored six minutes into the third, with Jason Chambers scoring and Joel and Adam assisting. The lead was

short lived as Mariposa tied the game at 3-3 and that was how the game ended.

Mariposa made the return trip on Saturday but the Huskies weren't the best of hosts. They struck first with 1:29 left in the first as Matthew Marlin deposited the puck into the Mariposa net with Ryan Goldenberg and Cory Sisson earning assists. Mariposa tied the game 10 seconds later. The two teams played a scoreless second period. Haliburton jumped out front again when Jason Chambers fired one in on a Matthew Brown set up, but less than 3 minutes later Mariposa tied it up. The two teams tried to break the deadlock but were unable to. The pair of ties extended the Huskies unbeaten streak to eight games.

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Goodbye. So long. Farewell.

No. This is not another ostentatious celebration of victory so common in sports these days. This is the honest feeling of the players, coaches and parents of the Haliburton OMHA PeeWee Huskies after Haliburton ousted the Beaverton Blades three games to none in the first round of the OMHA playoffs.

Beaverton's penalty-filled style of hockey with cheap shots and late hits was neither fun to play against nor watch. It's too bad because Beaverton is a better team than the one which the

Huskies out scored 20 to 5 in the three games. Haliburton is just glad to win the series without any injuries or suspensions for self defence.

In the third and final game of the series in Haliburton on January 25, Beaverton was out to intimidate. However their tactics backfired as early in the first period Jason Henry opened the scoring on the first power play of the game with Darol Sisson and Steve St. Cyr assisting. Less than a minute later as the Huskies pressed in Beaverton's end defenceman Devon Dart scored

from the blueline to put the Huskies up by two.

In the second period Beaverton's penalty total continued to rise as all the scoring was done by the Huskies. Defenceman Shane Parks passed across the blueline to Dart who chipped a shot towards the goal. Greg Forgrave tipped it to Mike Morissette off to the side of the net and Mike deposited it behind the goalie. Then St. Cyr set up the goal scoring machine Chris Moynes who netted his second goal in as many games. Sisson, who played his best game of the series, added an unassisted goal to put the Huskies ahead by five.

In the third period captain Matt Burk's night of hard work was rewarded as he rounded out the Huskies scoring before Beaverton scored their lone goal of the game. Final score Haliburton 6 - Beaverton 1.

The PeeWee Huskies now have a long lay-off as they await the winner of a series between Frankford and Deseronto before they enter the second round of the playoffs.

Other valuable members of the squad who did not make the score sheet in the final game of the series are goalie Greg Schell, defencemen Andrew Burtch, Matt Reid and Matt Billings (who missed the game due to injury) and forwards Greg Luck, Ryan O'Neill and Allan Pugh.

Wilberforce match exciting for the Tri County Atoms

On Sunday Haliburton Tri-County Atoms travelled to Wilberforce for another exciting, nail-biting game. The Huskies opened up the scoring when centre Shane Campbell knocked one in past the Rocket's goalie unassisted for the only goal for the period. Early in the second the Rockets tied it up but not for long as the Huskies travelling end to end, set up to go ahead again. This time Gerald Sharp, playing hard every shift, poked one in when he was set up by Logan Roberts. The Rockets receiving three penalties this period had to really hustle as Chris Alden came

back with his second goal of the game and tied it up once more.

Though the Rockets got many shots on goal, plus a few more penalties, Huskie goalie Andrew Sachs kept us in the game as he made repeated save after save and a brilliant Potvin-like performance. With fifteen seconds left in the third period and the face-off in Rocket territory, the Huskies wouldn't settle for a tie as defenceman Matt Hutchinson, also playing a terrific game blasted the tie-breaker in, unassisted leading the Huskies to victory and a 3-2 finish.



HOCKEY MOMS HAVE SWEET TOOTH: If young hockey players and their parents got hungry on Saturday, the mothers of the Haliburton Minor Tykes had a tasty solution. Here, Bev Sisson buys some goodies from Laurie Johnson, Heather Roberts and Peg Trueman. The Minor Tykes would appreciate sponsor support for their skate-athon on February 12.

New equipment keeps trails in top condition

HCSA News
by Brian Watts

WELL WE TRUST everyone has had a special holiday season and is now ready for some serious snowmobiling. Since we now enjoy the luxury of enough snow, we are hard at it opening and grooming all H.C.S.A. trails, and believe it or not there are some that could stand more snow to bring them up to the quality that we have come to expect of our trail system.

At this point I would like to thank all our volunteer groomer operators for their dedicated support we so need. Thanks guys.

Since our last update we have put our new drags on the snow and our expectations of trail quality have been realized. We have our section 25 crew very busy these days with cutting, clearing, tramping pond's, marking trails and lakes and at the time of this writing most have been completed, with some added thanks to our directors who spent countless hours before freeze up installing signs and making everything so easy to read while snowmobiling.

If you listen to Huntsville and Bracebridge radio stations our trail reports are aired twice a day everyday. Thanks to John Enright.

We now have completed four successful licence courses and anyone interested in another course should contact: Mike Burke at 754-2637 or Larry Hutchinson at 754-4229.

Some H.C.S.A. directors have been working with Les Ferro and members of the Haliburton B.I.A. to put the finishing touches to Winterfest '94 Feb. 11-12-13. It promises to be an outstanding weekend, so watch the paper and pick up the agenda at most retailers and be sure to attend. The past weekend the H.C.S.A. was honoured to welcome Rendezvous '94 to Haliburton County. There were some 40 riders representing every province coast to coast, snowmobiling from Orillia to New Brunswick. The first stop was for lunch at the PineStone Inn where everything was done to perfection. I personally would like to thank the management and staff at the PineStone for a superb lunch and their valued support of the H.C.S.A. to Sid Stamp Fuels for supplying a tank truck to fuel all the sleds, The Municipality of Dysart for their continuous support and a special thanks to the H.C.S.A. director's and their wives for making it a very proud day for Haliburton.

When you are out riding be sure to watch for our new "Welcome Snowmobilers" signs at all trail entry points coming into Haliburton County.

Until the next update we'll see you on the trails. Ride Safe, Ride Sober.

*Be in Haliburton on
February 11 to 13 for
lots of Winterfest fun!*



Rotary's Snowarama raises more than \$13,000...

Close to 60 snowmobilers raised more than \$13,000 for the Easter Seal Society in Haliburton Rotary's annual Snowarama ride on Saturday at Haliburton Forest. Gerry Walker was the top local rider, bringing in \$2200. Riders got a free tank of gas courtesy Sid Stamp Fuels and Shell Canada. Rotary also provided lunch for participants at the Forest's cookhouse. At left, Marg Gow, the Society's regional manager, accepts a cheque for \$200 from Lorne Hoppenrys on behalf of the Haliburton Bank of Montreal staff.



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Sports

Nordic News

by JOHN TELJEUR

H.N.T. IN FINANCIAL BIND

The mid point of the ski season is almost upon us and the Haliburton Nordic Trails Association finds itself in a rather precarious position. At the time this column was written, three of our grooming machines were down — one of which will cost too much to repair. The result of this is that more of the grooming responsibility will fall on the remaining four machines and the time it will take to "pack and track" our trails will increase. This is something some skiers may have already noticed.

With the current "fleet" of groomers aging more rapidly than anticipated the need to make major changes is now. If this situation continues to worsen, the H.N.T.A. will need to add at least one large and two small machines for next year or face cutbacks (haven't we heard that word a lot lately) in grooming. The cost to the association to purchase these machines would be over \$90,000.

So where do we get the money? Well, unlike the H.C.S.A., we haven't even got a pale imitation of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs to help lobby the various levels of government to partially support the high costs of purchasing groomers and related equipment. What these organizations have achieved, I might add, is a tremendous lesson in self-promotion and tenacity.

A recent study on cross-country skiing by the Ontario Ski Council indicated that there were almost three million cross-country skiers of various ability and levels of activity in Ontario. And yet, with those numbers you would think that there would be an active voice lobbying to ensure that we have the facilities, many of which are non-profit like ourselves, now and in the future for these people to ski. Very peculiar.

The inability of our association to access "assistance funding" is compounded when you consider that banks are leery about lending significant capital to non-profit associations because there is no owner or shareholder to provide financial guarantees. In other words, we're stuck between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

Meanwhile we have to continue making payments on groomers we purchased a number of years ago that, at the time, cost in excess of \$100,000. The past number of years have seen the H.N.T.A. invest heavily in equipment and trails using ticket revenue. We simply cannot afford to keep doing this and short of a "white knight" riding into Haliburton, "changes are a comin'." Stay tuned.

MID-WEEK SKI TOUR

For information on the February 4 Ski Tour, please contact Peter Brogden at 754-2351.



CROSS COUNTRY HOPPING: Volunteer Jane Heyes puts young cross country skiers through their warm-up paces as part of the Haliburton Nordic Trails jackrabbit program on Saturday afternoons at Wig-a-Mog.

McLeod listens to business owners' views

Continued from page 1

high grade timber on crown land, and it was appropriate to transfer the Martin rights to other mills which were still operating at reduced capacity.

She was backed up by Renfrew area MPP Sean Conway, who said his riding has lost close to 1000 jobs in the forest industry because of a serious shortage of quality saw logs. Conway said the NDP government made a similar decision recently that resulted in the closure of a century old sawmill at Braeside.

The dozen or so local business people who attended the hour and half meeting didn't have any direct job creation ideas for McLeod, but they did have strong feelings about the negative role of government in the economy.

Criticisms were directed at taxes, minimum wage increases and the costs of compliance with government regulations.

Asked if a Liberal government would consider following

Quebec's lead in eliminating a tax on accommodations for stays longer than one night, McLeod said part of her agenda is to determine if there are some specific tax reductions that can stimulate the tourism sector.

Minimum wages, which rose from \$6.35 to \$6.70 in January and are scheduled to continue rising under an NDP administration, will result in fewer jobs in the service sector, local business owners told McLeod. Brian Moore, co owner of Jug City stores, estimated his wage costs, and the 15.3 percent compulsory benefit costs that are imposed by governments on top of payroll, will cost his business an additional \$35,000 this year. Dave Dollo of Minden IGA said he will hire fewer people this year, because wage costs have to stay in line on a percentage basis with gross revenues. Young people and students looking for their first job will find fewer opportunities because of the minimum

wage increases, McLeod was told.

She acknowledged that Ontario already has the highest minimum wage in Canada, and said the NDP's pro union labour legislation, Bill 40, will drive wage costs up at the bargaining table.

Ontario Hydro and the Workers Compensation Board, both of which have a significant impact on the cost of doing business in Ontario, "have gotten out of control, and for that, we're all responsible" said Conway.

At the conclusion of the meeting, both McLeod and Conway said the provincial government has to get back to basics, which means it must focus on health care delivery, education, and economic growth. The message was appropriate to the audience, even if the two politicians made no promise that a Liberal administration would have the courage to cut services and reducing taxes to let the economy grow.



This 1957 Chev 210 took part in last summer's Canada Day cruise. New club members are always welcome.

Vintage car buffs will gather next week in Haliburton

On February 10 at 7:30 p.m., the Haliburton County Region of the Historical Automobile Society of Canada (H.A.S.C.) is holding an Open House meeting at Haliburton's St. George's Anglican Church to all automotive enthusiasts in the area.

This meeting marks the first anniversary of the Chapter's beginning and its first meeting as a H.A.S.C.-recognized

Region. If your interests are to tinker with older forms of automotive transportation, please feel free to attend our meeting and acquaint yourself with other enthusiasts. Information about HASC will be available and videos of popular southern Ontario car meets will be shown.

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Reeves react cautiously to new funding program

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et al Reeve Chris Hodgson. "The infrastructure needs to be improved and that creates a framework that helps all of us."

Dysart is going to see whether some of its plans will be eligible for the funding. Once the projects are identified, he agrees that the next question is "can we use existing dollars and re-allocate them, or do we have to raise taxes?"

Raising taxes is something that makes all politicians think twice.

Stanhope Reeve Fred Gardner says there's another important issue that needs to be addressed. Current rules state that a council cannot bind a future council with a financial commitment. There are municipal elections this November, so that means that as it stands, all projects council undertakes must be finished by November.

He wonders whether the Association of Municipalities of Ontario can convince the province to change the rules so municipalities can do some long-range planning. "Otherwise, the whole program is a bit of a bust."

However, he too is trying to remain optimistic. "Anyone who stands in line to give you money, you've got to look at. I can see road improvements as something that will return more to the community. But council will have to decide whether we can raise our share."

At Thursday's Anson, Hindon and Minden council meeting, Councillor Jeanne Anthon wondered whether the municipalities and county could pool their money and use it for the proposed healthcare expansion. The only problem with that idea, said Public Works Superintendent

Clayton Cameron, is that all projects must be completed by March 31, 1997. That's why he also doubted that a Gull River bridge could be built with the money; it might take that long to get all the planning and approvals in place.

"We have to take advantage of this opportunity," said Reeve Bern Berry, who added that the municipality's reserves were in good shape, allowing it to spend money without raising taxes.

Cameron has researched the funding announcement quite carefully. Although full details won't be available for another week, he said some of the projects AHM might want to consider are arena expansion, court expansion, a storage building for the gallery and some road work, perhaps high floating.

He said the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is handling the applications and will administer the program. Projects likely to be funded include: earth work, road work and construction of public buildings. (For the board of education, however, the \$236,000 it is allocated must be used to enhance or renew existing programs, not for new buildings.)

The money cannot be used to pay for land and any cost overruns will be the responsibility of the municipality unless it can prove the over-run was essential.

"The program is designed so that if you have a plan in place, then it should move the project up and you can do the work more quickly," Cameron said. The whole idea is to create jobs and end the recession.

Applications must be for new projects, not ones which were started last year. Applications can be made in general, but must be finalized by March 31, 1996.

Minden has plans for funding program

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday's meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden council, with all members present.

Money to spend

Council will consider whether there are any projects which could be done with the money recently promised by the federal government. The Ontario Canada Infrastructure Program will make \$642,633 available to the municipality, if it agrees to spend \$321,316. The money must be spent on existing infrastructure and Public Works Superintendent Clayton has investigated which projects may be eligible.

"I feel we should look at this closely to get something for the municipality," said Reeve Bern Berry. Councillor Jeanne Anthon agreed. "It's a tremendous boost for the county."

Some of the projects the municipality is considering are arena expansion, court expansion and a storage building for the gallery. It has yet to be determined what roads work will be eligible. High floating is a possibility, but Cameron was concerned that Deputy-Reeve Lewis Stevens' dream of building a bridge across the Gull River to Deep Bay Road would not fit the timing criteria. The program is essentially for two years, and it would probably

take that long to do all the planning for a new bridge.

Luckily, Minden's reserves are in good shapes and the municipality should be able to make use of the special funding.

Kudos for road crews

During the weekend of the sled dog derby, the roads crews did an admirable job not only preparing the main street for the races, but also keeping the municipal roads clear during a very snowy weekend.

"I think you did a tremendous job," Berry told Cameron, asking him to pass on council's congratulations to all the workers. On Friday night, Berry said the crews were bringing in loads of snow for the main street course and then at 7:30 the next morning, they were out plowing the roads. "Our roads were kept in perfect order."

What's coming up

Anthon wants the municipality to have the authority to erect a highway sign which would advertise upcoming special events. Hwy 35 is an important route through the Highlands and the ideal place to remind people of all there is to do and see. Her suggestion was discussed as part of council's response to a request from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce about proposed changes to the province's signage laws.

Although Stevens said that

rules were already restrictive, Anthon agreed that some controls were necessary. Signs every 100 yards can be "intrusive in an area that's supposed to offering the best in scenery... and there doesn't seem to be a lot of control on the quality."

Council supported Anthon's suggestion of the upcoming events sign, but didn't express agreement with her latter comments. Anthon said she could write a letter on her own. "As long as you don't use municipal letterhead," said Berry, to which Anthon responded that she never has or would.

Sunday shoppers

Shoppers in AHM will be able to browse through stores on Sundays now that council signed the proper by-law. Then again, they've always been able to do that. The by-law is a formality required by the province. Berry noted that the formality cost local taxpayers more than \$1,000 for the required meetings and legal bills, even though the municipality easily meets the requirements for a tourist area, where Sunday shopping is permitted. "It seems so simple and has to be done, but it's a cost we didn't expect this year."

Enthusiastic BIA

There was a lively discussion at the recent BIA meeting, as reflected in the minutes. Under

the guidance of Community Futures Co-ordinator Bryan Brown, the group of business owners tackled many issues such as: how to let people know how much Minden has to offer; how businesses can work together to afford special projects which will enhance the main street; keeping an inventory of what's available; having all businesses open on consistent hours; could there be more co-ordination with the Haliburton BIA, or perhaps the formation of a Greater BIA; and improving customer service. The attitude could almost be summed up with these comments in the minutes: "Progressive (and at times aggressive) thinking is required to be successful in business. We cannot just sit back and wait/expect business to come knocking at our door."

"I was impressed by the enthusiasm at the meeting," Councillor Jerry Rome said.

The next BIA meeting is February 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers and everyone is welcome.

By-law officer resigns

Friday was the last day of work for Chief Building Official Elaine McCrae. She has worked in the municipality's building department for several years, but is leaving to pursue other career interests.

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Community news

Valentines send cheer

Coboconk

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The annual fun and games day was held at the Pearson Hunt Camp at Kinmount on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. It was a beautiful day for horse sleigh rides, shooting match, toboggan rides, games and lots of hot chocolate, coffee, chili, hot dogs, butter tarts etc.

...sorry I haven't been

heard from for awhile. Our little town is still a very busy and active spot - only I'm not very active lately! I really have not been well since early December, and after spending a week in hospital I thought I was all well. Alas, early last week, Jan. 16th I learned I had pneumonia all over again, so

Explaining art?

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tions, when I see great monuments that took many life times to form, when I regard a plate of food attractively displayed, when in a museum I am mesmerized by a tiny artifact that took someone's entire lifetime to shape, when I see a young child's attempt to decorate—most anything!

If the urge to express ourselves artistically, is not a need how then can we account for the amount of time and effort and often hard-earned funds that we, as individuals and as a society, spend on these endeavors. To pick flowers and arrange them, to carefully choose a pair of socks, or even to knowingly choose unmatched socks, to add glitzy ornamentation to our various means of transportation, to lovingly decorate our shelters and laboriously re-organize our natural surroundings—are these expressions of need or only whimsy?

A further question; this desire or need to find artistic expression, is it primarily the communal urge of the group, the tribe, the society, or is it original within each of us? For example, who among us has never ornamented a school notebook? Yet are there not monuments, buildings, paintings that seem more than just the expression of an individual sensibility. Take for example the paintings of the Group of Seven, Canadian to their core, or the sculpture of Henry Moore which somehow metaphorically seems to link us with our primordial past and to the land.

If, in fact, we do acknowledge that the artistic impulse is instinctual within us then we must carefully examine the extent to which we may, for solely economic reasons, restrict this aspect of the teaching of our young. For the degree to which we expose of our children to artistic endeavors will contribute to the degree of satisfaction that they will receive as adults from artistic pursuits and the level of skill that those extraordinarily talented few will attain in order to express the communal artistic impulses of their age.

it's been more trips to doctor, to Xray Centre, more drugs and steroids, and even this Sunday night I don't feel so great. Just hope and pray this virus will leave me for good. At least I'm not in the hospital!

There are many, many who have pneumonia or flu, this winter. Dorothy Powell is recovering from pneumonia, as is Murray Robertson. The Jim Harris family have all been ill. The Moss family at Norland have had a winter of sickness. The Gordon Kay family have all been ill.

A young woman who needs your cards and

prayers, is Shirley Raszewski, in Room 455, Princess Margaret Hospital, Wellesley St. Toronto, Ontario. Shirley is the daughter of Claire Brooks of Lutterworth Pines, Minden, and Shirley is facing Cobalt treatment on a tumor in her throat. Shirley has been ill for a long time, and I know any card would brighten her day.

And Valentines Day is coming up. While you are buying a card for your sweetheart, buy one for one of our veterans. Send the card to a veteran at Ste. Anne's Hospital, 305 St. Pierre St. Ste Anne De Bellevue, Que. H9X 1Y9.

This address and sug-

gestion was in Ann Lander's column last week. I'm sure we could each send even one card to cheer up someone who is not able to get about like you and I, or perhaps has no family.

The home of Jim Young and Shannon Lumsden, in Bexley Township on Hwy. 35, north of Coboconk, was burned in a fire that began about 6 p.m. on Jan. 7th. Just a shell remains of the house formally owned by Fred and Ethel Hanson. The couple bought the house 2-1/1 years ago, and both were away at the time of the fire. Shannon works in Beaverton while Jim

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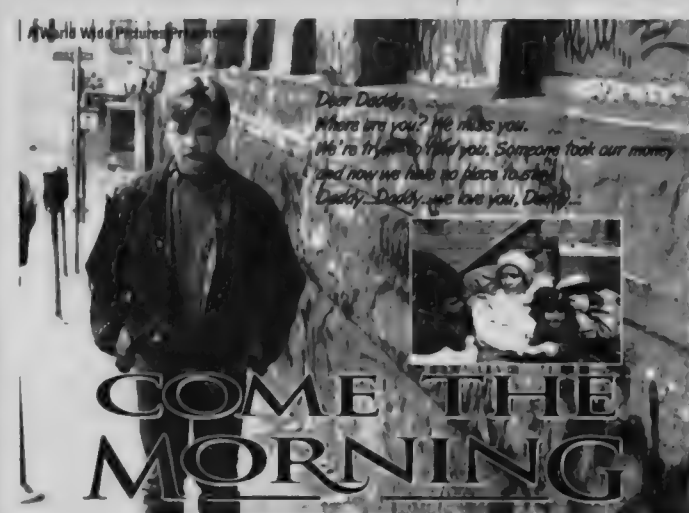
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Creative 'homework' gets results

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Paul Way's design and technology students have put a new twist on the word "homework."

Usually homework is work that the teacher says you have to do at home. But for these Grade 7 and 8 students, they've been working at school so they can bring home an assignment their whole family can be proud of.

Displayed on the library stage is the fruit of their labour over the past few months. The projects are as varied as the students.

Stephanie Ratz has designed, created and painted a name sign to hang outside her home. The old sign was getting pretty bat-

tered looking and her new sign has clear lettering and is nicely painted. The hardest part, she says, was doing the gouging along the edges, and the routing of the r, a, t and z wasn't easy either.

Jesse Sternberg made a double toilet paper holder and magazine rack. Regan Sisson made a lamp for his bedroom and then bought a wiring kit. Kristen Sisson had no problem with her bric-a-brac cabinet because her dad's a carpenter and he's let her use his tools. Other projects included bird feeders, tables, benches, wooden ornaments and children's toys.

The students agree that before you pick up any tools, you have

to spend a lot of time designing your project, and that takes concentration and patience.

"The basic premise is that they do a good job on what they see a need for at their house," says Mr. Way, who's very pleased with and proud of his students' achievements. The course includes instruction on design, drawing plans, proper use of tools and safety. Many of the materials are donated.

After completing their design and technology course in the next few weeks, the students will be going to Pat Bain's family studies class where they will also concentrate on skills that make a home such a pleasant place to be

Coboconk couple marks 50 years of married life

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works in the Minden area. Firefighters were at the scene nearly five hours. Everything was lost in the fire and the couple are staying with Jim's father near Fenelon Falls for the present time.

Congratulations to Sheri Magee and Greg Whalen who were married recently with all the celebrations being held at the Admiral Inn in Lindsay.

The Dog Races at Minden on Jan. 22 and Jan. 23rd were well attended. Weather conditions were ideal, and there was certainly lots of snow. Those from here who saw the races thoroughly enjoyed their time spent in Minden.

Joe McGuire of Minden was a visitor with Myrtle

Faulkner on Friday. Other visitors were Pearl Brohm of Norland one day last week and Bob and Dawn Archer of Lindsay were Sunday visitors.

Rev. Mrs. Eric Hudson left a week ago for Yellowknife, Northwest Territory to visit their son, Carl and his family.

Clara Schell has been visiting her sister Marie, in Toronto. We enjoyed a visit with my sister, Ada Fisher, in Lindsay last week. We enjoyed a visit with son Bob of Peterborough and my brother, Walter Marles of Beaverton area, on Saturday.

Over 200 friends and relatives turned out for the golden wedding anniversary celebration (50th), for Irwin and Olive Goodhand

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West Guilford's presence felt at Burns Night

Lloyd Smith and Ray Sisson attended the Sled Dog Derby in Minden on the weekend.

Louise Cooper, president of OSSTF's District 50, attended the meeting in Lindsay on Wed. Jan. 26.

George Cooper and children of Riverview, N.B. are visiting here this week. Due to a sudden illness in the Beunden family, Shireen is with her parents in Don Mills for this time.

Due to rain and icy sideroad conditions on Jan. 28 Homecare service was cancelled throughout the area. School buses were also cancelled for the day.

A former Guilford resident, Frank Howe, died in January. A Masonic funeral service was held at Monk's on Wed. night following. Our sympathy to Ida, his wife, and all who will miss him from Park Lane apartments.

Lucy Noah was also a former resident of this area at her home across from the Stanhope airport before her time at Extencicare until her death this month.

The spaghetti supper at St. George's on Feb. 5th should be fun as well as delicious, if former occasions are anything to go by. The young people who put it on use the funds for special events they attend.

Jim Milne, Elke and Wolf Fluegel, Earl and I represented this neck of the woods at the annual Burns' Night at the Legion on Jan. 22. Approximately 100 people came to enjoy the pipes and drums, the dancing to D.J. Owen Burmania's expertise, the Highland dancers under Faith Aggett's instruction, and of course the haggis, addressed most vigorously and with keen enjoyment of Bill Elliott. Mary Packard made the haggis and also gave the Immortal Memory in a few well chosen phrases to commemorate Scotland's most renowned poet. Ian Craig N.D.'d the evening and Don Johnston directed the Grand March.

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This week

County Roads plan '94 construction

The following is the county roads department's report to council last Wednesday.

Construction:

More than \$900,000 worth of extra work has been done by the department over and above what could have been done based on the tax money provided in the 1993 county budget.

This was accomplished by putting to work for the taxpayer, money earned by the Roads Department through our machinery enterprise, using no additional county funds, while still leaving a credible balance towards the 1994 machinery needs.

Most was spent on local payroll

and equipment rental. This has given us the opportunity to make a small, but appreciable financial input to the economy of the county.

Plans are being prepared for the following construction jobs for 1994:

Road 2, The Deep Bay Road at Little Gull Lake; Road 6, the West Guilford, Eagle Lake Road; Road 7, the Kennisis Lake Road at West Guilford; Road 12, the Livingstone Lake Road from Hardwood Lake to Lower Fletcher Lake; Road 13, the Little Hawk Lake Road, completion of the Hawk River Bridge; Road 20, the Horseshoe Lake Road, bridge

reconstruction.

As well, surveys, property purchase and/or utility relocation are planned for Road 3, the Buckhorn Road, Road 9, the McGillvray Road and Road 18, the South Kashagawigamog Road.

Actual construction undertaken will depend on how much council decides to allocate to the department, the estimate of county assessment by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the amount the Ministry of Transportation is willing to subsidize, and any effect the proposed federal infrastructure renewal program will have on all this.



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Community news

Band's hot Caribbean beat will turn up the heat on winter

WINTER WILL GET a little bit warmer when Dick Smith and Syncona bring their Caribbean music to the Haliburton Legion on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Dick Smith grew up in a remote region of the Blue Mountains in Jamaica. Most of his boyhood friends were the descendants of Africans who came to the island centuries before and who became known as the "Windward Maroons". It was their powerful, sensuous drumming and hypnotic chanting which would shape his musical career.

This began when he came to Canada to work with internationally known artists in the fields of theatre, television and recording. Within a short time he earned the reputation of being one of the best exponents of hand percussion.

In 1967, Canada's Centennial Year, Smith was part of the team that founded "Caribana", North America's first and largest Carnival celebrating Caribbean culture. He then formed "Syncona" to express the hypnotic rhythms and beautiful melodies of the West Indies. He continues to compose and perform for radio, television, and film. Some credits include Sesame Street, The Muppet Show and Beetlejuice.

In 1987 he was inducted into the black Music Association's Hall of Fame for his contribution to Caribbean culture in Canada. Since then he has introduced Syncona's unique blend of World Music to colleges, schools and concert halls where he has played to sold out audiences. He remains a consultant for the Percussive Arts Society and to the Brandor and McMillan Music Publishers.

Smith is constantly researching and performing the colourful musical fabric of "Les Antilles". As an excerpt from one of his compositions implies; "Sing and shout while still you can, Listen to the music and You'll start to feel the rhythm In the Band"

The members of Syncona are; Harris Todman (Virgin Islands) Steel drums, percussion. Lloyd Jack (Aruba/St. Vincent) Guitar, vocals. Lincoln Waldron (Trinidad) Bass, vocals. Dick Smith (Jamaica) Lead vocal, percussion.

The dance is a fund raising effort of the Haliburton County Concert Series. Tickets are \$8 each and are available in advance or at the door.

Dick Smith and Syncona will also be performing a children's concert on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. Regular ticket holders should note the change in location.



Dick Smith and Syncona will bring their Caribbean beat to Haliburton on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon

Good Brothers give local country fans a musical treat

by JOHN HENDERSON
Special to the Echo

MATTSSON'S COUNTRY CLUB was the scene of great entertainment on Friday night as the Good Brothers performed for a capacity crowd of die hard country music fans. Although treacherous weather conditions had kept many people home from work earlier in the day, about 150 ticket holders

braved the icy roads and when the band began to play there was not a seat to be found.

The band's popularity is really no surprise as the "Goods" arrived pre-packed with a solid gold reputation. With eight Juno awards under their belt(s) for Country Group of the Year there is no shortage of fans. Many of their tunes are well known from radio air play and dances for all ages. (The bluegrass anthem "Fox on the Run" was a staple at high-school dances for years.)

Can a good thing get better? In the highly com-

petitive music industry it is not enough to hold on to a good pattern. Perhaps the Good Brothers gained a new edge with the addition of nephew Travis when brother Larry retired from the band to spend more time with his family. Travis brings to the band his considerable talent and Johnny Cash influence which added to the diversity of the evening's music.

This year marks the 20th anniversary for the band from Richmond Hill. They are currently promoting their 10th album which is due to be released in March. The album will be a partial recap of the concert introducing some satisfying new additions to their repertoire as well as surveying some of their favoured oldies. (CD owners will be glad to know that this will be the first CD release of the "Fox on the Run".)

Highland Grove holds onto Carnival spirit

The Loop Troupe calls again to ask if anyone has any old used paneling that they would give away. It doesn't have to match of course, we have many talented people who can turn it into what is needed. We are still looking for a settee to borrow. If anyone has either of these items to spare, please call me at the above number or call Mary Barker at Agnew's General Store.

The Loop Troupe really appreciate all the help they have received from everyone. We also have a 50/50 draw on the go for a draw on February 20th after the matinee performance of our upcoming play.

The recreation committee at Highland Grove has planned some week-end events for the Loop Carnival. On Saturday February 12th there will be a bake/craft and book sale at the recreation centre from 11 until 2 o'clock. All sorts of goodies as beautiful crafts will be on sale, and for those who enjoy reading and have run out of books on these long cold evenings, this is your chance to stock up and get enough books to last until spring.

On the Sunday the very popular doggie parade will be held starting at 10 a.m. After the judging panel have awarded the trophies and prizes everyone is invited to a delicious luncheon, sponsored by the Fireman. This will be held at the recreation centre as well. These people have really shown a big interest in keeping the Loop Carnival going.

It's too bad to see this little winter event fade away, but it seems that all the work falls on the same people every year and they get tired, and who can blame them. As communities, let us thank them for all their efforts, and if we all support Highland Grove this year, maybe there will be more interest shown in the future.

I have been asked several times how Karl Tallman is getting along. Sorry to say he is not improving as much as was hoped. Let us keep him in our prayers.

There will be a community bridal shower for Marsie Jordens on Feb.

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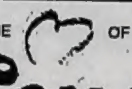


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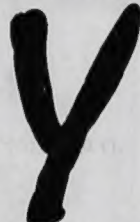
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330 THANK YOU

HELLO FOLKS, We are not home as
 yet to stay, as we're having water
 problems, but will be home shortly
 after. While I have your attention, I
 would like to thank my many friends,
 relatives for the many cards and
 phone calls while I have been away.
 Sorry for the delay of this insertion.
Francis and Clara Leveck.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK those
 who were concerned for me after my
 accident for the prayers, phone calls,
 visits, food. Also ambulance drivers
 Pat Kennedy and Wendell Wood, Dr.
 Karen Tu and nurses at Haliburton
 Hospital, and my family who were
 there for me. I'm a little sore, but no
 serious injuries. **Pat Fearrey.**

AT THIS VERY EARLY stage of
 our upheaval we wanted to share
 with everyone how lucky we are to
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 We have received such support
 from so many that a mere thank
 you seems inadequate. We hope to
 be able to thank everyone individ-
 ually, as time passes, but in the
 meantime we want everyone to
 know we appreciate your concern
 and thoughtfulness. We also wish
 to add that our volunteer fire de-
 partment of Dysart et al is the best!
 From the bottom of our hearts we
 thank you for your very coura-
 geous efforts to save our home and
 our belongings. It is because of
 your efforts that we hope to save
 some of our dining room antiques
 and other very special items. We
 never know how fortunate we are
 until we face a tragedy. **Sincerely,
 George, Elaine, Lane & T-
 Bone Schmid**

330 THANK YOU

DEAR FRIENDS and family, I could
 cover this page with 'thanks', and I
 would still not have enough room to
 say 'thank you' for all you have done.
 I want to thank all those who prayed for
 me, made telephone calls, sent cards,
 brought gifts, all those who came to
 see me, and all those who kept Willis
 in food and kept him from being lone-
 ly. Thanks to all the nurses and doc-
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AT REST
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 At 75 years of age.

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 Norland, dear father of David and his
 wife Dianne of Norland, Mary and her
 husband Bradley Hartin of Kinnmount.
 Beloved Poppa of Shayne, Wade and
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 Agincourt, predeceased by Gerald.
 Rested at the Gordon A. Monk
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 from 7-9 p.m. Friday. Then to St.
 James Anglican Church, Kinnmount for
 Funeral Service on Saturday, January
 29th at 3:30 p.m. Spring Interment
 Kinnmount Cemetery. Memorial Donations
 to the St. James Anglican
 Church or the Heart and Stroke
 Foundation would be appreciated.
 Masonic Service on Friday at 8:00
 p.m. at the Funeral Home. CA

AT REST
Suddenly at St. Joseph's Hospital,
Peterborough on
Monday, January 24th, 1994
FRANK HOWE
 In his 86th year.

Beloved husband of Ida Howe of
 Haliburton, dear father of Geraldine
 (Mrs. Glen Sawyer) of Markham and
 Fay (Mrs. Bruce McKay) of R.R.#2
 Haliburton, predeceased by John.
 Loving grandfather of three grandsons
 and four great granddaughters. Dear
 brother of Lily Kinghorn and prede-
 ceased by Flora, Etta, Nellie and Bud.
 Rested at the Gordon A. Monk
 Funeral Home, 127 Main St. Minden
 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.
 Funeral Service in the Chapel on
 Wednesday, January 26th, 1994 at
 11:00 a.m. Spring Interment
 Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton.
 Masonic Service on Tuesday at 8:00
 p.m. at the Funeral Home. CA

MacKELLER: HUGH C. - At
 Extencicare-Haliburton on Tuesday,
 January 25, 1994. Beloved husband
 of the late Isabelle Hunter. Loving
 father of Dianne of Martha's Vineyard
 Mass. Dear brother of Isabella (Mrs.
 Walter Thomas) of Haliburton. Fondly
 remembered by nieces and Lois,
 Carol, Beverley and Karen and their
 families. Friends called at the
 Haliburton Community Funeral

390 DEATH NOTICES

Continued
Home, Hwy. #118, Haliburton (705)
457-9209 on Friday, January 28, 1994
 for Funeral and Committal Services at
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 would be appreciated by the family. CA

AT REST
In her sleep at Haliburton Hospital
on Tuesday, January 25, 1994
MARGARET CREELMAN
 In her 83rd year.

Margaret Creelman, has lived in
 Eagle Lake, Haliburton and Minden
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 and Roger, and their families, are
 most grateful to Dr. Hartwick and the
 patient, caring nursing staff at the
 Hospital for their invaluable support
 and concern. As Margaret requested,
 her remains have been cremated
 without ceremony and the ashes will
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 in the Spring next to her beloved grand-
 son, Stephen. They are kindred spirits
 who are together again. At that time
 we will pay loving tribute to a dear,
 understanding mother and friend.
 Anyone who cared for Margaret and
 would like to join us on that occasion
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400 IN MEMORIAM

SISSON, EVA AMELIA - In
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410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of
AUDREY PATRICIA DEREMO
 All creditors and others having
 claims against the Estate of the
 late Audrey Patricia Deremo, of the
 Township of Dysart, in the County
 of Haliburton, who died on or about
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 of such claim with the undersigned
 solicitor for the said Estate on or
 before the 8th day of February,
 1994.
AND TAKE NOTICE that after the
 last date named, the assets of the
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 amongst the persons entitled here-
 to by the Executor/Administrator of
 the Estate, having regard only to
 the claims of which the solicitor
 below shall have notice. Dated at
 Haliburton, Ontario this 12th day of
 January, 1994. **RAYMOND G. SEL-**
BIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box
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In the matter of the estate of
LUCINDA IRENE NOAH
 All creditors and others having
 claims against the Estate of the late
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 of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton,
 who died on or about the 12th day of
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 particulars of such claim with the
 undersigned solicitor for the said
 Estate on or before the 15th day of
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AND TAKE NOTICE that after the
 last date named, the assets of the
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 amongst the persons entitled here-
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AND OTHERS
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JOHNSTON
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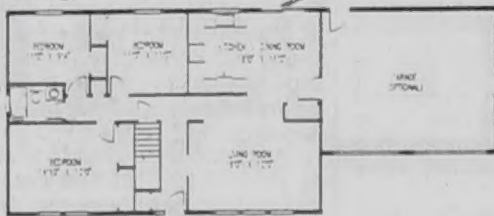
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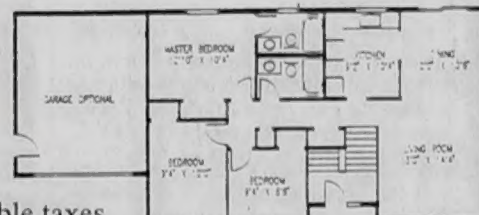


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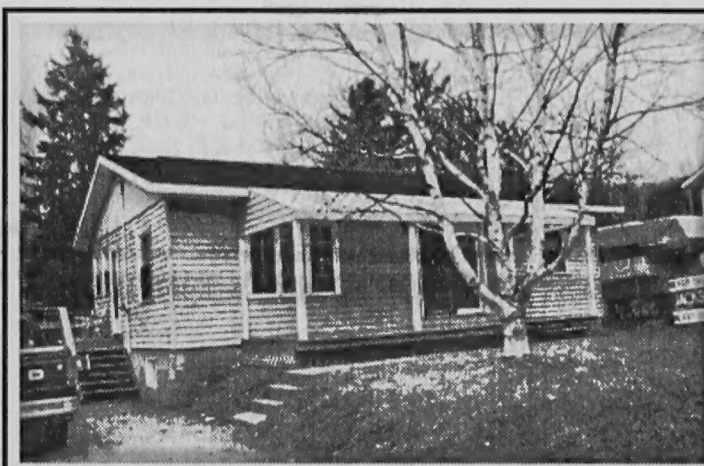


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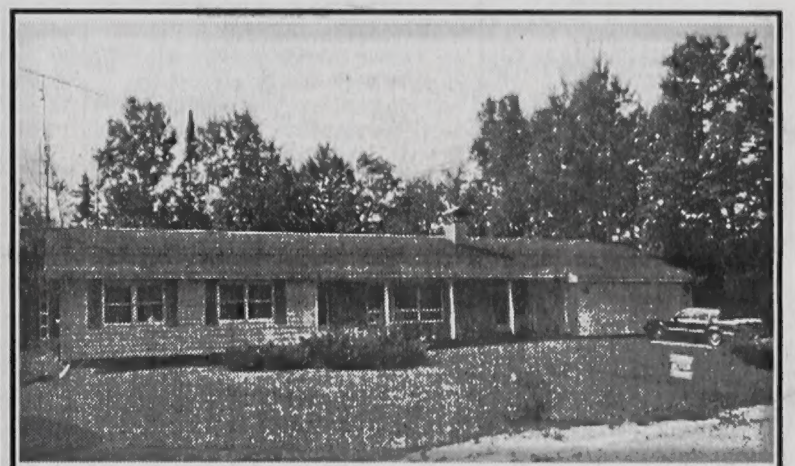
IN TOWN OPPORTUNITY

Walk to shopping from this older 2 storey home. Enjoy the spacious deck with unlimited view. Ideal for retirement or starter home.



WHY PAY RENT?

Low maintenance home. Finished walk out basement with rec room and spare bedroom. \$99,900.00.



EXECUTIVE BUNGALOW

Features huge bedrooms, log burning fireplace. Many extra features. Value plus at \$139,000. Excellent financing available.



BRAND NEW HOME

Comfortable living offered in this roomy bungalow. Both floors finished to make twice the living area. A must to view. List price \$144,900.00



COUNTRY VIEW

Well kept 3 bedroom home. Spacious rec room. 8 acres to roam. List \$99,900.00



THINKING RETIREMENT

WANT PRIVACY

Immaculate home. Plus detached workshop with sauna. 212' feet on the lake. List \$189,000.00

ACREAGES

- 20 acres** - County Road frontage \$35,000.00
- 12 Acres** - paved frontage (\$17,900.) \$2,000 down payment
- 15 Acres** - Hwy. 118, driveway in \$39,900.00
- 50 Acres** - Crown land on 3 sides. Road to the property \$29,900.00
- 9 Acres** - County Road #7 - \$33,500.00
- 5.5 Acres** - Hwy. 118, drilled well and hydro on property. \$39,900.00



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